



# The Quarterbreed

A Modern Indian Reservation Story by Robert Ames Bennet

**F**you discovered that an able man of unscrupulous character and political power enough to wreck your career was trying to do harm to the girl you loved by stealing her affections and turning them to evil purposes, would you shoot him before he spoiled the girl or wait until he did it and then kill him? Consider Captain Hardy's predicament, as described in this instalment. The army officer, you will recall, went to Lakota reservation as acting agent following the murder of Agent Nogen and a threatened uprising of the Indians. Wounded by an ambush shot, he falls in love with Marie Dupont, a quarterbred, who nurses him, but gives no definite answer to his proposal of marriage because she is enamored of Reginald Vandervyn, agency clerk and scapegrace nephew of Senator Clemmer. Hardy learns the Indians are disaffected because old Jacques Dupont, a wily post trader, and Vandervyn have cheated them in an illegal tribal mine deal. At first the red men, deceived by Vandervyn, misunderstand the officer's motives, but finally accept him as their friend, and a commission, led by Vandervyn, prepares to go to Washington to secure a division of tribal lands and the sale of mines owned by Indians. Vandervyn plans to get profit for himself.

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So began the second period of Hardy's close companionship with the girl, and the intimacy appeared as sincere and friendly as the first one, when Vandervyn was in the mountains with Redbear. Almost every day they rode out to examine the Wolf river watershed, and estimate as best they could without surveying instruments the number of acres that could be put under ditch.

Hardy had at once written for reports on similar undertakings. Before receiving them he was agreeably surprised by an official telegram from Washington instructing him to at once send on the tribal delegation, in the charge of Redbear. So swift an unfeeling of government red tape proved that powerful influences were favoring the consummation of the new treaty. Hardy ungrudgingly gave Vandervyn the credit of being a very successful benevolent lobbyist.

A runner was dispatched to bring in Redbear and the delegates. They came without delay. Redbear's arm was so nearly healed that he had full use of it. Oinna did not accompany him. He said their grandfather had become so fond of her that he had insisted upon her remaining in the mountains until the return of the delegation from Washington. Marie offered to send for her and give her a home while her brother was away, but Redbear hastily declared that the girl wished to stay with the old chief.

Hardy took charge of the delegation as far as the railroad, and Marie and Dupont went along to keep him company. He provided for the comfort aboard train of Redbear and the five solemn chiefs, and shipped them off with through tickets to Washington and a careful set of instructions to help them in the conduct of their mission.

"My only wish is that I might go with them," he remarked, as the "iron horse" whirled them away toward the land of the sunrise. "They will be Babes in the Woods."

"You sure have done your level best for them, Cap," replied Dupont. "You ain't got no license to worry now, Mr. Van is there to boost 'em along."

"Besides, you have your work here," added Marie with a glance that completely diverted his thoughts.

They spent the night in the rough shack misnamed a hotel, and at dawn started on their return to the agency. As Dupont's pony was continually lagging behind, Hardy had the pleasure of Marie's company virtually alone for the greater part of the ride. She seemed to enjoy this quite as much as he, and remained in gracious good humor even through the blazing heat of midday. Nor did she allow herself to feel fatigue until after their arrival at the agency, she had cooked a savory supper, and then entertained Hardy for an hour or more in her artistic little parlor.

The next day, fresh as ever, Marie was ready to ride up to the falls and help him run a line of levels with the instruments that he had hired in town. Never had he known anyone so abounding in life. Mentally as well as physically, she seemed ever tireless, buoyant, animated.

Day after day they worked and planned for the good of the tribe; day after day her graciousness toward him increased. And day after day his love for her deepened and strengthened until it could be seen in his every look and act, and heard in every inflection of his voice when he spoke to her. Though her manner toward him showed no trace of overt coquetry, she made no effort to repulse his silent devotion or to check the growth of his passion.

A week after the departure of the delegation found him fully looking the part of a gallant lover—ardent, youthful, almost handsome. He had lost much of his former look of pensive severity. Even the silvery hairs over his temples seemed to be regaining their original ruddy brown.

A few days later one of the lines of levels happened to bring him and the girl to the edge of the coulee, across from the butte. He suggested that they go down and across to the spring for a drink.

As they turned back, Marie recognized the exact spot where he had been shot. Womanlike, she shuddered and turned pale at the recollection, though at the time of the occurrence she had been so brave.

"Look!" she said in a half-whisper. "Here is where you fell. I thought you were killed!"

"The experience was well worth while," he replied. His voice shook with the irresistible passion of his love. "Dearest!—let me call you that here, this once! It was here I first looked into the depths of your heart, and learned how good and kind you are."

The girl turned to hide her face from the reverent adoration of his gaze.

"No, no," she murmured. "Don't, please!"

"I must speak, dear," he replied. "I ask nothing of you. It is only that I wish to tell you how you made me realize what life is worth living."

When I came from the Coast, I had lost one dearer to me than anyone else in all the world—my mother. She was a little woman, very frail—her blue eyes were dim and faded, her hair white; but even when she was at the very end—her dear eyes sought to ease my grief with the same look you gave me as you bent over me here and thought me fatally injured."

"Please!" begged the girl, choking back a sob. "I do not deserve—Your mother!—but I am not kind nor good!"

Hardy went on in the same voice of profound passion: "You lifted me out of the shadow of the Valley. You came to me in my blind darkness, a glorious light of divine goodness that compelled me to see that all was not wrong with the universe—that even so great a loss as mine might be for the best."

"I am not what you think me—I am not!" she reiterated.

"You restored my faith and hope," he insisted. "It would be selfish of me to ask anything more of you now."

"It would be useless—useless!" she cried.

He was too little versed in feminine nature to realize that her vehemence might indicate an effort to suppress an inner doubt of the assertion. Had he been a few years younger, youthful impetuosity might have won him that which his reverent respect shrank from urging. He had taken her gloved hand. He pressed it to his lips, and freed her.

"I shall not annoy you, dear," he said. "Yet I cannot take that as final. I shall wait until he returns. Then I shall take my fighting chance."

"You will?" she whispered.

"I shall not give up until you have pledged yourself to him. If I can, I will prevent that. He cannot possibly love you as I love you. If it is possible to win you for my wife, I will do it."

Marie quivered, and shrank from him as if startled. "You say, when he comes back—But until then you—you will not—"

"Until then we shall continue to be the same good comrades that we have been."

The girl drew in a deep breath. "Then—let us go back to work."

Hardy accepted the suggestion with a self-control that was as remarkable as it was misplaced.

CHAPTER XVII.

The Only Woman.

During the pleasant, busy days that followed, to all appearances Marie enjoyed the work and planning and the long hours of companionship fully as much as Hardy. Dupont, now ever blunt and genial, kept close to his store. But during the long evening discussions his eyes often twinkled cunningly under their gray thintch. No word had been received from Washington except two notes from Vandervyn to Dupont, reporting favorable progress and inclosing sealed letters to Marie. She told nothing of what these contained, even to her father.

Hardy's first—and last—message in regard to the new treaty was an official notification that it had been duly approved and signed, after fifteen million dollars had been decided upon as the compensation to the tribe for the

more pleasant response to his bluff welcome. He jerked open the door of the tonneau, and offered his hand to each of the commissioners in turn as they stepped stiffly out into the porch. "My friend Jake Dupont, gentleman," said Vandervyn.

Every member of the party at once smiled upon the trader, and shook hands with him. Most cordial of all was the big man who had sat in the front seat.

Marie now stepped out to greet the visitors, and was formally introduced by Vandervyn. With a gracious composure that would have done credit to the most exclusive of drawing rooms, she welcomed the visitors and invited them to luncheon.

The most portly member of the commission promptly accepted the invitation on behalf of himself and his compatriots, and the party followed their hostess into her parlor. Vandervyn lingered a moment to favor Hardy with a smile of ironical condolence.

"Chesty lot, these lame ducks!" he said. "But they stand in with the big fellows. They had the cars shipped out from Chicago to accommodate them. Better smuggle up on their warm side—What, not going, surely? You must come in to lunch and show us how tactful a tactician can be."

"Thanks, no," replied Hardy. "I'll ask you kindly to excuse me to Miss Dupont. The commissioners may find me at the office at any time that suits them."

Vandervyn shrugged and went indoors, his smile a trifle forced. He at once joined his party in their eager acceptance of Dupont's most cordial expression of hospitality, his eighteen-year-old whisky. Marie had excused herself to the guests. By the time she reappeared every member of the party was aglow with good feeling. The girl at once became the target for a shower of compliments, all in doubtful taste, and some decidedly too free and easy.

She looked to Vandervyn, and met him with an uneasy smile. Seeing that he would say nothing, she replied to the offenders with a wit and dignity that soon altered their bearing toward her. They were puzzled to find a garden rose in this rough wilderness, but she soon brought them to the realization that they were not at liberty to splash mud on her petticoats. The luncheon completed her conquest.

Vandervyn came to the table with all the uneasiness gone from his smile. He took his seat, and proceeded to extol Marie's skill as a chef. Oinna, bearing a tray, came in, and began to serve luncheon. Though extremely shy, she started with a deftness that showed careful training. Several moments passed before Vandervyn looked up and perceived her. The surprise was too sharp even for his assurance. He stopped short in his talk, and stared at her, disconcerted.

At sight of his frown, the girl dropped her tray, now fortunately empty, and with a little, gasping cry fled from the room. She did not reappear. Marie passed off the awkward incident with a smile and a tactful explanation of Oinna's excessive shyness. The Indian boy finished the serving.

Vandervyn had delivered Hardy's messages. They had been received alike by Marie and by the commissioners without comment. After luncheon one of the commissioners brusquely proposed that Hardy be summoned to attend upon them. Vandervyn interposed with the suave suggestion that the acting agent might leave in the safe some of the papers necessary to a full understanding of the affairs of the agency.

At this the party lingered only for a parting nip at Dupont's liquid hospitality. Assuring Marie that they would return in time for dinner, they left under the escort of their host. With the excuse that he had mislaid his hat, Vandervyn returned to the dining room. When he came out, he shut the door. Marie was alone in the parlor. All the suppressed fire of his passion flamed in his face, as he turned and came swiftly back to the waiting girl. There could be no doubt that he expected her to meet him halfway.

She stood beside a chair, somewhat pale, but outwardly very calm. She did not advance a single step. Yet, blinded by his own ardor, he came on without heed the look in her face until within arm's-reach of her. Then at last he perceived her lack of response, and stopped.

"I say!" he exclaimed. "What's the matter? Is this the way to welcome me back, sweetheart?"

The term of endearment brought a quick blush into the girl's cheeks. But she replied in cold, even tones: "Are you now at liberty to address me as your fiancee?"

His eyes shifted before her level gaze. "Don't be foolish, Marie. You know you're the only woman. You know that engagement must stand until we are sure of the mine. There is something else, as well."

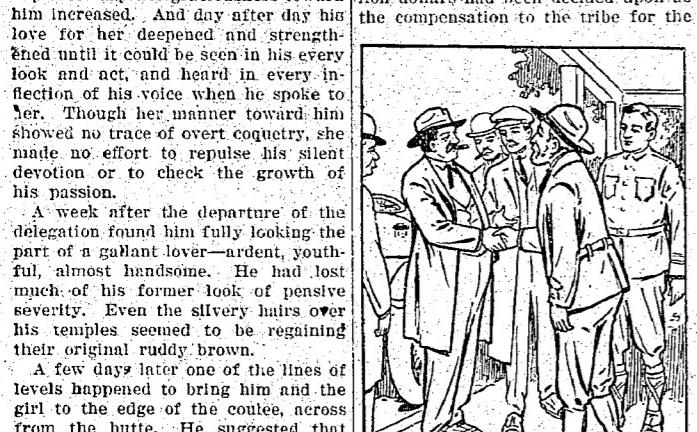
"This is quite enough for the present," she broke in. "I promised to wait for you until you should come back—free from your cousin. You've returned, but you are not free from her. Is it honorable for you to speak to me now?"

"How can I help it?" he urged, seeking to melt her with his ardent gaze. "You are the only woman—the only one in all the world to me. There is not another half as beautiful, a tenth as charming!"

She quivered in response to the deep, golden notes of his voice, yet held her firm with all the strength of her resolute will.

"You speak of love," she rejoined. "You say nothing of marriage."

He had not established a more frequent mail service, in place of the customary weekly trip to town by one of the police, the commissioners might have arrived before he received a reply.



"My Friend, Jake Dupont, Gentlemen."

mined lands. Special commissioners had been named to proceed to the reservation and arrange for the immediate opening of the mineral lands to entry, and the allotment of the remaining lands to the members of the tribe.

Hardy was surprised when he saw that the time set for the departure of the commissioners had already passed. The document had been misdirected, had been returned to Washington, and then seemingly had been pigeonholed for several days by some careless clerk before being remailed to him.

In the front seat beside Vandervyn was a big, red-faced man, whose bearded eyes immediately began to scrutinize Hardy, and as quickly turned away when they met his clear gaze. The five men in the tonneau all had the look of a certain kind of politician, and all met Hardy's cordial greeting with a cold formality that would have chilled even a place-hunter.

Put upon his dignity by this unexpected rebuff, the captain drew back into the porch. Dupont received a

"How can I?" he asked in an aggrieved tone. "You know that until we get the mine—But that won't be long now. These commissioners are jumping-jacks in the hands of my uncle. They will hustle matters through for us—short order. Once I—we—get the mine, I'll be free man and then, sweetheart."

But the girl drew back from his pleading arms.

"No," she said. "If I must wait, so must you. If you mean what you say, you should be satisfied that I still feel I may have to wait."

"You mean—what?" he stammered. She clenched her hands convulsively.

"Why did you come first? Why could I not have known him first?"

"I see," he muttered. "It's that—that tin soldier."

"Yes, it is—that gentleman!" she flashed back. Again the slender finger balls cut into her palms.

"Nice fatherly old fog!" sneered Vandervyn. "You're far too much alive, too much of a real woman, to mistake

you to take a stand against him and back me up with her!"

"You sure can count me in on that, Mr. Van," eagerly assented Dupont.

"All right. I've got him fixed. But I wanted to make sure of your backing. If he comes to dinner tonight I'll have a gay little surprise or two up my sleeve for him."

"I been waiting to ask you about the mine. How're we going to work the deal?"

"We've got to make a show of a real contest. It's to be run on the old-style rush plan."

"Suppose one of them men at the butte has the best horse?"

Vandervyn thrust out his jaw. "Don't fish yourself. I'm going to have that mine. This is my idea of the way, we'll fit it." He leaned over and murmured in Dupont's ear.

The trader shook his head. "Um—I'm not saying that mightn't work. Just the same, though, it'd make you the only one what could do the entering. I'd be a sooner."

"The mine would be entered by me, but of course we would have the understanding that you were to get your half," replied Vandervyn. He stepped briskly to the door. "Come, I guess the bunch has had time enough to cool their heels."

Still frowning dubiously, Dupont followed him over to the office, where Hardy and the commissioners sat waiting for them, stiff and constrained.

"I still maintain that the eugenics law has been of tremendous benefit to the people of the state," declared Mrs. G. A. Hippke, sponsor for the law. "It is asserted that doctors make only superficial tests of men who come to them for examination before marriage, but I contend that no conscientious physician could pass upon a case which might later bring results that would reflect upon his earlier judgment."

Mrs. Hippke declared that, while she had no present intention of agitating any change in the law she might consider a broadening of the law that would include the women as well as the men in the premarital examination.

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Why a Cold Cup "Sweats."

Put ice cream into a cup and the cup and the air around it instantly become cold. Air consists in part of vapor, and when the air is cooled this vapor turns into water. As the center of coldness is the cup, a good deal of the air in the immediate vicinity gathers on its outside in the shape of water. But, as the air contains much more heat than the cup contains cold, the ice cream gradually melts.

Pimplles, boils, carbuncles, dry up and disappear with Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. In tablets or liquid.—Adv.

American preserved orange, lemon and citron peel find favor in Canada.

Australia's pearl fishing industry is being held up by the war.

When Work Is Hard

That kidney trouble are so common is due to the strain put upon the kidneys in so many occupations, such as: Jarring and jolting on railroads, etc., in lumbering, heavy lifting, etc.

Exposure to changes of temperature in iron furnaces, refrigerators, etc., in tanneries as in tanneries, quarries, mines, etc.

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## Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 18

For sale—My retail coal business.  
J. M. Bunting.

Fresh sea food just received. See my ad in this paper. H. Petersen.

Simpson's are selling their dry goods and shoes below cost. Investigate.

C. S. Barber, the genial proprietor of Frederic's sanitary market, was in the city Saturday.

The Republican State convention will be held in Detroit, Tuesday, February 20, 1916. Crawford county is entitled to two delegates.

In this issue of the Avalanche will be found a report of the proceedings of the January session of the Board of Supervisors. Also the proceedings of the last Village council meeting.

Supt. Wood, of the Frederic schools, was a pleasant caller in Grayling Saturday. He says that the enrollment in their high school has increased from less than twenty to over fifty. That is a fine percentage considering the population of the place, and a great credit to Frederic people.



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OPTOMETRIST

## FOR SALE

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**J. M. Bunting**

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25% off on dry goods is some snap now! Go to Simpson's for it.

Use your auto for power. See advertisement on last page for particulars.

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Read Hathaway's Kryptok advertisement in this issue.

Mrs. Charles A. Canfield is ill at Mercy hospital but getting along nicely.

Auction sale January 20. See advertisement in this issue of the Avalanche.

George N. Olson spent a couple of days of last week in Detroit on business and visiting friends.

Mrs. J. Carriveau was called to Flint last Thursday night by the serious illness of their son, Edward.

Will sell Friday and Saturday two 25c packages of Oatmeal for 20¢ each with a \$2.00 cash order at A. Trudeau's store.

You can get four standard magazines one year for 25 cents extra by renewing your subscription to the Avalanche.

Mrs. Elf. Rasmussen of Detroit arrived last Thursday to spend a couple of weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Eilerson.

The Oddfellows have invited many of their friends to a dancing party at the Temple theatre to be held, Friday night. There will be cards and dancing, with light refreshments.

Last Friday while the West Branch basket ball team was here some of the members visited a sick friend at Mercy hospital and one of them nearly had to be interned himself. The fumes of chloroform emitting from the operating room at the time made one of the boys so sick to his stomach that he had to be assisted from the building to the school house where he soon recovered.

Arthur Niles, who spent his Christmas vacation with his mother at the Palmer house, here, has received a promotion in his line, in the State's employ, building the big dam in Manistee Co., to the office of the business manager of the Michigan Power Co., located at Jackson, Mich. His friends here will be glad for his advance, which was entirely unexpected at this time. He began his new work last Monday.

A nominating petition for Nelson Sharpe for Circuit Judge was being passed in Crawford county last week. It contained names of some of our best known and most highly regarded citizens. This circuit court district may well feel lucky and also proud to have a circuit judge such as Mr. Sharpe. He is well informed, has a keen mind and seems specially fitted for this high office. Everybody here knows him for he has been on the local bench for over twenty-five years. No doubt he will be returned.

Additional local news on last page.

### Council Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Common council of the Village of Grayling convened at the Town hall Monday evening, January 7, 1917. Meeting called to order by H. Petersen, president. Trustees present—Jorgenson, Cook, McCullough, Canfield and Milks.

Treasurers absent—Taylor, Larson. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Finance committee's report read, to wit:

To the president and members of the Common council of the Village of Grayling: Your committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts respectfully recommend that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

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| 1. Grayling Electric Co., Nov. service.....         | \$125.55 |
| 2. Nemesis Nielsen, sidewalk rebate.....            | 5.75     |
| 3. N. Schijotz, sidewalk rebate.....                | 9.70     |
| 4. Central Coal Co., sewer pipe.....                | 96.74    |
| 5. M. A. Bates, Tel. service 1st quarter 1917.....  | 13.70    |
| 6. Saling, Hanson Co., sewer pipe and supplies..... | 9.20     |
| 7. O. P. Schumann, printing.....                    | 2.00     |
| 8. Julius Nelson, pay roll ending Dec. 31.....      | 34.85    |
| 9. Wm. McCullough, snow plow.....                   | 15.00    |

Respectfully submitted  
W. Jorgenson, Committee,  
F. H. Milks,

Moved by McCullough and supported by Jorgenson that the report be accepted and orders drawn on the treasurer for the amounts. Motion carried. Sidewalk Committee's report read, to wit:

To the Common council of the Village of Grayling,

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned committee on sidewalks respectfully report that we have examined the sidewalks adjacent to Soren, Anderson and Floyd, De Noyles property and found them unsatisfactory and recommend that payment of same be deferred until they are put in first-class condition in accordance with the specifications.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geo. W. McCullough, Committee,  
John H. Cook, C. A. Canfield,

Moved by Milks and supported by Jorgenson that the report be accepted and filed and payment of sidewalks be deferred accordingly. Yeas—Cook, Jorgenson, McCullough, Canfield and Milks. Absent—Taylor. Motion carried.

Moved by McCullough and supported by Cook that we adjourn. Motion carried.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

### How Old Will You Be At Fifty.

Will you be 50 years old or 50 years young? Kidney troubles make many a person old, when really they should be young. Don't be one of the old. Take a kidney tablet as you would a cathartic. Dr. Navau's kidney tablets are best, 5¢ at your druggist, A. M. Lewis.

## CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

### School Notes

Kukhar Concert Co., tomorrow night

Floyd Taylor, our night janitor, has been sick a few days.

The first grade is studying time and time-pieces this week.

Monzo Randall is a new pupil in the fourth grade.

The second grade children are studying the Eskimos.

Alex. Smith of the first grade has been sick for some time. It was necessary to have his tonsils removed.

"The Biography of a Grizzly" is being read for opening exercises in the fourth grade.

The date of the junior party will be April 13 instead of March 13 as announced last week in the school notes.

Remember that two free lectures will be given during the month of February under the auspices of the Mothers' club, Prof. Davis Feb. 3 and Prof. Henderson Feb. 22.

The 4 B language class re-told and dramatized the story of Atlas and Perseus last week.

Miss Marion Salling has been acting as substitute in the lower fifth room a part of the week owing to the illness of the teacher, Mrs. Burritt.

The second grade pupils are to have a sleighride at the end of the month for all pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy.

The girls of the High school drawing class are stenciling designs on table runners and porch pillows. The material used is linen crash and the stenciling is done with oil paints.

"A child has the right to attend school believing every teacher is a true guide, a faithful instructor, a close friend with no rough edges."

Thirty sections of wall bars, two mats and eight climbing ropes have been ordered for the gymnasium and will be installed as soon as they get here. Hooray for the improvement!

We expect to start a class in commercial law at the beginning of the next semester. The following is a brief outline of what this will include: a study of the divisions of law, courts and their procedure, the formation of contracts, operation and discharge of contracts, particular contracts concerning goods, bailment of goods, insurance contracts, credits and loans, the contract of guaranty, negotiable instruments, negotiable papers, maker's and acceptor's contract, drawer's and indorse's contract, agency, the conduct of business thru representatives, principal and agent, partnerships and joint stock companies, corporations, property in land and movables, estates in real property, land, its constituents, fixtures and growth, relative rights of adjoining owners, personal property, etc.

**Frederic News.**

Wednesday night coldest of winter.

Thursday p. m. 6:30 o'clock, 25 degrees below zero.

B. P. Johnson had a narrow escape from drowning his team in Campbell Lake Tuesday p. m., also losing a piece of pork, 225 pounds that he was taking to the market for Barber.

Thursday p. m. the emergency call rang on the telephone and there was a good response, for you ought to see the bucket brigade line up, at the home of Grandma Barber King; but the fire did not get much of a start on the outside of the roof and was soon put out. Thanks boys; also the ladies that responded.

Charles Wilcox has re-opened his theatre for the winter season. Take in the show; he guarantees your money's worth.

Gilbert Cram is home from Ohio, where he is employed in the auto business.

Mrs. Robert Brown's mother of Lapeer is visiting here.

Dewey Mana and wife are visiting at Lovells.

J. H. Baldwin's dog undertook to stop the flies one day last week, but poor Sheep's remains lay in the cold cold ground.

Nick Long of Gaylord was in Frederic Saturday on business.

Ernest Barber's big coaster sleigh is ready for action again. Will accommodate six. Come boys and help fix the hill. Do not leave it for one or two. You all enjoy coasting.

E. V. Barber received his annual box of oranges and 100 pounds of fresh nuts from St. Ann, Calif. It's nice to have friends.

C. S. Barber will have to disappoint some, as he had more friends than calendars.

Mrs. B. J. Callahan, Miss Libbie Malco, Miss Vera Cameron and C. S. Barber were Grayling callers Saturday.

C. W. Boyd of Jackson was in town Monday shaking hands with friends. Jolly as ever.

Karpus' basket shooting and clever

work, combined with Thompson's ability to cover his man, featured the contest for Grayling. Meistrup played a very good game at center and Shanahan and Doroh played their positions well, at the same time assisting in good team work which existed throughout the game.

This game was a greater defeat than West Branch received from Bay City. With this fact in view, it would seem that, if we were possible for Grayling to play Bay City, a close and interesting game would result, which would draw a large crowd. This is what our association needs, the support of the community.

The line-up for the two games were as follows:

Grayling Girls: West Branch

Nina Petersen L. F. Stella Prevost

Fern Armstrong R. F. May Jones

Anna Peterson C. Burnett Carroll

Gladys Everett L. G. Alice Weir

Vita Fischer R. G. Alvina Hobohom

Mildred Bates S. C. N. Blumenthal

Grayling Boys: West Branch

Carl Doroh L. F. Payne

Arthur Karpus R. F. Merrill

Carlton Meistrup C. McCoy

Grant Thompson L. G. Cullen

Frank Shanahan R. G. Miller

Grayling Village Clerk.

Grayling School Officers' Meeting.

A meeting of the school officers of the school districts of Crawford county will be held at the Court house in Grayling on Thursday, February 1st, 1917, commencing at 9 o'clock, a.m.

One member of each district board is entitled to two dollars and actual traveling expenses for attending this meeting, to be paid from the general fund of the district.

This meeting will be in charge of Geo. N. Ottwell, assistant superintendent of Public Instruction, who will explain and discuss important phases of the school law. Come prepared to ask questions of interest to your district.

See that your district is represented by the director or some other member of the district board. Iw.

Jas. A. Kalahar, Commissioner of Schools.

Don't Neglect The Kidneys.

Do you take a kidney tablet once in a while, the same as you do a cathartic?

If you don't, you should, because the kidneys are blood filters and need cleaning themselves the same as your bowels. Dr. Navau's Kidney Tablets are for this purpose and are for sale at Mr. Lewis' store. Samples will be sent on request by the Botanic Drug Co., Detroit, Mich.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 18

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE Board of Supervisors OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

At an adjourned session of the Board of Supervisors of Crawford county, commenced and held at the Court house in the Village of Grayling in said County, on Tuesday the 2nd day of January 1917.

Board called to order by the Chairman;  
Roll called.

Present: Supervisors M. A. Bates, J. E. Kellogg, Frank E. Love, Edwin S. Chalker, Elmer Head.

Absent on leave, Supervisor Craven, being disabled.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

By the Clerk:

Grayling, January 2, 1917

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors;

Mr. Chairman:  
Before retiring from office I respectfully request you to make an investigation and thorough inspection of all the County records under my charge, and a full and complete settlement of all the accounts kept by me as County Clerk up to and including December 31, 1916, also for a settlement with the County Treasurer up to said date

Respectfully yours,  
John J. Niederer,  
Retiring County Clerk.

Moved by Supervisor Chalker that the request of the retiring County Clerk be granted and the same be referred to the Committee on Finance and Settlement. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

Grayling, Dec. 31, 1916.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors;  
Mr. Chairman:

In the matter of John Bellor, an insane person, now deceased, I beg leave to make the following report:

In the year 1887 the said John Bellor, then a resident of South Branch township, was by the Probate Court declared insane, and admitted to the Northern Michigan Asylum at Traverse City, as a Public Patient.

The County records and the records of the Asylum show that Crawford county paid Court expenses, transportation, and for care and maintenance at the Asylum the sum of \$300.00.

On November 4th, 1909 a Guardian was appointed for said John Bellor by the Probate Court of this County, and the proper bond given and filed by said Guardian.

On October 10, 1910 the said Guardian sold some property of said John Bellor and reported the sale to the Probate Court.

On March 10, 1914 the said Guardian died, but no final accounting in this case had been made to the Court, and the County had never been reimbursed for their expenditures.

Section 871 of the compiled laws of Michigan provides:

Every guardian shall pay all just debts due from his ward and all expenses incurred by any County, in care, support or maintenance of such ward, etc.

As directed by you at the April session 1916, I have prepared, from the records in the County Treasurer's office and Probate office, an itemized statement of all the moneys paid by Crawford county for said insane person, beginning with the year 1887; I also prepared a petition to the Probate court, giving a complete history of the case from 1887 to 1916, based on proofs from the records and files in the Probate office, which said petition with itemized statement of moneys paid by the County attached, was filed in the Probate court on May 1, 1916, asking for the allowance of the same.

On June 17, 1916 a hearing of said petition in the Probate court was had, the claim of the County as per statement was allowed, and the heirs and bondsman of said deceased Guardian was promptly notified, asking them for a settlement within 30 days.

On October 23, 1916 another hearing in the Probate court, on the petition as granted, was had, the bondsman of said Guardian also being present; at this last hearing the accounts were finally settled, and the bondsman of said Guardian then and there paid

over to the treasurer of Crawford county the amount due the County from the person and estate of the said John Bellor, as determined by the Probate Court.

This is now closed and the County got what justly belonged to them. All of which is respectfully submitted.

John J. Niederer,  
County Clerk.

Moved by Supervisor Love that the report of the County Clerk on the Belvoir Matter be accepted and adopted and spread upon the Supervisors' record. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Love that the bills filed with the Clerk be placed in the hands of the Committee on Claims and Accounts. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Supervisor Head the Board adjourned until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John J. Niederer,

M. A. Bates, Clerk.

Chairman.

MORNING SESSION, JAN. 3, 1917.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The committee on claims and accounts proceeded to audit bills, and at 11:30 o'clock on motion of the Board adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JAN. 3, 1917.

Board called to order by the chairman.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

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Moved by Supervisor Craven that the chair appoint two delegates to the State Tax Association. Motion prevailed.

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The chair appointed Supervisors Kellogg and Chalker.

On motion of Supervisor Head, the Board adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

John J. Niederer,

M. A. Bates, Clerk.

Chairman.

MORNING SESSION, JAN. 4, 1917.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Supervisor Craven that the Board resolve itself into a committee of the whole, and proceed to settle with the county treasurer and the retiring county clerk. Motion prevailed.

At 11:30 o'clock on motion of the Board adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JAN. 4, 1917.

Board called to order by the chairman.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Supervisor Craven that the report of the County Clerk be accepted and adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Supervisor's journal as approved.

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Supervisor Bates moved the adoption of the report.

Yea and nay vote called.

Supervisor Bates, Craven, Head, Kellogg, Love and Chalker voted yea.

Report declared adopted.

On motion of Supervisor Kellogg, the Board adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JANUARY 5, 1917.

Board called to order by the chairman.

Roll called.

All members present.

Supervisor Bates in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

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**A TIP**

The Saturday Evening Post, January 6th, signs in effect:

"A small part of the urban population of the United States have made money on the rise of stocks. A LARGE part are regretting they did not also wade in and are seriously considering wading in now."

"It is a matter of historical fact that the time when everybody wades in is usually about half-an-hour before stocks begin to go down."

"We have no hesitation in saying this tip: Now is a good time to leave stocks alone and buy sound bonds. In fact, any time is a good time to buy sound bonds."

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Adam had one thing to be thankful for. Eve didn't buy him a box of cigars for a Christmas present.



Mr. Witz—"Do you know what's good for rats?"

Miss Sow—"Why, poison, of course."

Mr. Witz—"No, that would kill them—cheese."

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**SEEMS TO PUT PEACE FAR OFF**

Reply of Entente to President Wilson by No Means Conciliatory in Tone.

**MEAN TO CONTINUE WAR**

Terms on Which They Would Agree to a Cessation of Hostilities Will Not Be Considered by Germany—Berlin Makes Statement.

Washington.—Following is the translation of the entente allies' reply to President Wilson's peace note, transmitted to the state department by Ambassador William G. Sharp in Paris:

"Ambassador Sharp to the Secretary of State, American Embassy, Paris, Jan. 10, 1917.

"The allied governments have received the note which was delivered to them in the name of the government of the United States on the 10th of December, 1916. They have studied it with the care imposed upon them both by the exact realization which they have of the gravity of the hour and by the sincere friendship which attaches them to the American people.

"In a general way they wish to declare that they pay tribute to the elevation of the sentiment with which the American note is inspired and that they associate themselves with all their hopes with the project for the creation of a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world.

"They recognize all the advantages for the cause of humanity and civilization which the institution of international agreements destined to avoid violent conflicts between nations would prevent, agreements which must imply the sanctions necessary to insure their execution and thus to prevent an apparent security from only facilitating new aggressions.

"But a discussion of future arrangements destined to insure an enduring peace presupposes a satisfactory settlement of the actual conflict.

"The allies have as profound a desire as the government of the United States to terminate as soon as possible a war for which the central empires are responsible and which inflicts such cruel sufferings upon humanity.

"Not Time for Peace.

"But they believe that it is impossible at the present moment to attain a peace which will assure them reparation, restitution, and such guarantees to which they are entitled by the aggression for which the responsibility rests with the central powers and of which the principle itself tended to ruin the security of Europe; a peace which would, on the other hand, permit the establishment of the future of European nations on a solid basis.

"The allied nations are conscious that they are not fighting for selfish interests, but above all to safeguard the independence of peoples, or right, and of humanity.

"The allies are fully aware of the losses and suffering which the war has caused to neutrals as well as to belligerents, and they deplore them; but they do not hold themselves responsible for them, having in no way either willed or provoked this war, and they strive to reduce these damages in the measure compatible with the inexorable exigencies of their defense against the violence and the wiles of the enemy.

Understand U. S. Position.

"It is with satisfaction, therefore, that they take note of the declaration that the American communication is in nowise associated with that of the central powers transmitted on the 18th of December by the government of the United States. They did not doubt, moreover, the resolution of that government to avoid even the appearance of a support, even moral, of the authors responsible for the war.

"The allied governments believe that they must protest in the most friendly but in the most specific manner against the assimilation established in the American note between the two groups of belligerents; this assimilation, based upon public declarations by the central powers, is in direct opposition to the evidence, both as regards responsibility for the past and as concerns guarantees for the future; President Wilson in mentioning it certainly had no intention of associating himself with it.

"If there is a historical fact established at the present date, it is the willful aggression of Germany and Austria-Hungary to insure their hegemony over Europe and their economic domination over the world.

"Germany proved by her declaration of war, by the immediate violation of Belgium and Luxembourg, and by her manner of conducting the war, her systematic contempt for all principles of humanity and all respect for small states; as the conflict developed, the attitude of the central powers and their allies has been a continual defiance of humanity and civilization.

Cites Enemy's Atrocities.

"Is it necessary to recall the horrors which accompanied the invasion of Belgium and of Serbia, the atrocious regime imposed upon the invaded countries, the massacre of hundreds of thousands of innocent Armenians, the barbarities perpetrated against the note.

Roumania's Oil.

Roumania's oil fields are still, in some parts, owned by small proprietors and worked by hand labor, the oil being run into small earth reservoirs or ponds, and periodically drawn off for sale. These workings prove highly lucrative to the workers, particularly as Roumanian oil is highly valued on account of its large yield of naphtha under refining. The Roumanian government has been careful to prevent the oil fields coming under the complete control of foreign capitalists to

populations of Syria, the raids of Zeppelins on open towns, the destruction by submarines of passenger steamers and of merchantmen even under neutral flags, the cruel treatment inflicted upon prisoners of war, the judicial murders of Miss Cavell, of Captain Fryatt, the deportation and reduction to slavery of civil populations, etc.

"The execution of such a series of crimes perpetrated without any regard for universal reprobation fully explains to President Wilson the protest of the allies.

"They consider that the note which they sent to the United States in reply to the German note will be a response to the questions put by the American government, and, according to the exact words of the latter, constitute a public declaration as to the conditions upon which the war could be terminated."

"President Wilson desires more: He desires that the belligerent powers openly affirm the objects which they seek by continuing the war; the allies experience no difficulty in replying to this request.

"Their objects in the war are well known; they have been formulated on many occasions by the chiefs of their diverse governments. Their objects in the war will not be made known in detail, with all the equitable compensations and indemnities for damage suffered, until the hour of negotiations.

Their Terms Stated.

"But the civilized world knows that they imply in all necessity and in the first instance the restoration of Belgium, of Serbia, and of Montenegro and the indemnities which are due them; the evacuation of the invaded territories of France, of Russia, and of Roumania, with just reparation; the reorganization of Europe guaranteed by a stable regime and founded as much upon respect of nationalities and full security and liberty of economic development, which all nations, great or small, possess, as upon territorial conventions and international agreements suitable to guarantee territorial and maritime frontiers against unjustified attacks; the restitution of provinces or territories wrested in the past from the allies by force or against the will of their populations; the liberation of Italians, of Slavs, of Roumanians, and of Techo Slovakes (Czech Slovaks) from foreign domination; the enfranchisement of populations subject to the bloody tyranny of the Turks; the expulsion from Europe of the Ottoman empire decidedly (apparent omission) to western civilization.

"The intentions of his majesty the emperor of Russia regarding Poland have been clearly indicated in the proclamation which he has just addressed to his armies.

"It goes without saying that if the allies wish to liberate Europe from the brutal covetousness of Prussian militarism it never has been their design, as has been alleged, to encompass the extermination of the German peoples and their political disappearance.

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It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach; and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Ady.

Bonus System in Japan.

The highest salaried man in Japan does not receive enough money in that form to pay for gasoline used by his automobile, for salaries of the managers of business corporations are insignificantly small, says the Japan Times. Salaries, however, are not the total income of business men. Under the Japanese custom there is a liberal bonus system, and the bonus amounts to \$300 or 400 times the monthly salary in some cases.

The Mitsubishi company is regarded as the biggest corporation in Japan and their directors are noted for their large incomes. Each director is said to receive in the form of a bonus about \$100,000 a year, although his salary may be only \$250 a month.

Mr. Lawson—

Carrying it Too Far.

Mr. Curran and Mr. McManus spent their Saturday half holiday in artistic pursuits. Among the objects examined was a new public building. The feature of this building that appealed most strongly to Mr. Curran was an inscription cut into a huge stone.

"MDCCXCVIII," he read aloud.

"What does that mean, Tim?"

"That," replied the cultured Mr. McManus, "stands for 1898."

"Oh," Mr. Curran replied. Then, after a thoughtful pause, he added:

"Don't you think, Tim, that they're overdone this spelling reform a bit?"

New York Times.

Songs Inspire Shower of Crockery.

Street singing is an especially Neapolitan institution, and when for the

**The Cost of High Living.**

The success attending the boycott on eggs and turkeys serves to remind us of the remark of a recent writer who ventured the opinion that it was not so much the high cost of living as it was the cost of high living that was troubling the country at this time.

That writer placed his finger on one of the sorriest spots in our domestic economy:

We are the most extravagant people on earth.

Fifty years ago our fathers would have sworn mighty but righteous oaths had any been guilty of our extravagance. They lived in a manner that we of this day would consider the extreme of hardship.

Our grandmothers, could they come back, would be thoroly scandalized at our profligate extravagance, and yet the strange thing to us is that they managed to extract about as much happiness from life as we do—if not a little more.

It has been said that the luxuries of one generation are the necessities of the next.

If this be true the outlook in a few

generations is truly appalling. Given all of our luxuries as their necessities, with proportionate luxuries of their own, of which we have not yet even dreamed, to what gigantic extent will extravagance have reached?

The picture is not a promising one. In fact, it is by no means attractive.

It has been said that a European peasant's family would live in comfort on what the average American kitchen consigns to the swill barrel. And we haven't a doubt of the truth of the assertion.

Here's the American pace: Mr. and Mrs. B., worth half a million, aspire to live on the same scale as Mr. and Mrs. A., who are worth a full million. And Mr. and Mrs. C., worth only a quarter of a million, would keep pace with the B's, who have half a million, and so down the line.

Really, isn't it time for the sober, intelligent citizenship of the country to call a halt on the useless, senseless and even idiotic extravagance of the age?

There is an end to every string, and the American people are a mighty long way from the beginning.

## GREAT INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN SECOND ANNUAL AUTO SHOW AT BAY CITY, FEBRUARY 7, 8, 9 AND 10

Bay City's second automobile show, to be given at the armory February 7, 8, 9 and 10, is attracting attention from every quarter of northeastern Michigan where automobile dealers and others think the exhibition which the event is being given through the efforts of Mr. Crawford, chairman of the automobile committee, and Monte Wasson, director of the automobile show, all ably seconded by the numerous dealers in machines and accessories who are members of the association.

Automobile owners, people who hope to own automobiles and even those who don't expect to become owners during the coming year are all anxious for the opening of the show, that they may see some of the latest carriages in cars by the leading manufacturers, and the many helpful and oftentimes necessary articles for the equipment of these cars which are being put on the market by the makers of automobile specialties.

What the show is considered of much moment by automobile manufacturers is evidenced by the fact that nearly every manufacturer who has a representative in Bay City, is preparing to assist his local dealer in making the event a success by sending out their models, and some for display, and some of whom will send one or more expert demonstrators of cars to share with the local dealers the work of presenting displays in the most attractive form.

"Every Bay City dealer in automobiles and accessories is prepared to be represented at the show," said Mr. Wasson, "and there isn't any question about the show being a success, so far as the arousing of interest on the part of dealers and of the public is concerned."

Plans for the four-day show include not only the display of the interesting things of the automobile world, which are of themselves an education in the modern methods of transportation, but there will also be a musical program each day and the concert will be given in other features which we feel sure will help to make the event attractive and memorable."

Those who know the armory with its bleak, bare walls will not be able to recognize it as the same place when they visit the show, for every room, ceiling, walls and even the floor will be covered with decorations as never been seen in the building before, and the armory has seen some mighty pretty decorations in days gone by.

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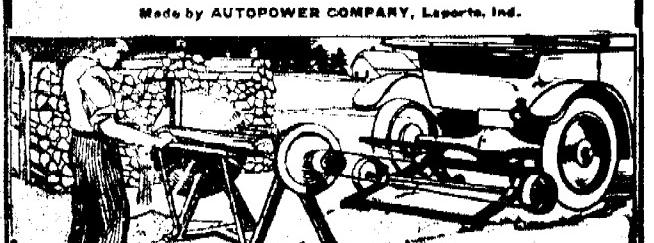
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## Correspondence.

Frederic School Notes

Vanderbilt and Frederic basketball game, last Friday, score 44 to 8 in our favor.

A new class is being organized by Supt. Wood in Economics. No subject offered in the high school is of more practical value than this subject.

Don't forget the big basketball game here Friday. Vanderbilt boys and girls will be here. Come, we need the money and you will enjoy the game.

Next week is the end of this semester and only those who have to take examinations will be in attendance during Thursday and Friday.

Miss Cameron's room is ordering new records for the victrola.

A play will be given about four weeks by the graduating class.

The graduation class has ordered solid gold class rings for each member.

New basketball is being bought by the Athletic association.

Report cards were out Monday.

The sixth grade are starting U. S. history.

Junior High will take up geography next semester.

Miss Malco of the primary room was absent two days last week. Miss Ruth Edmunds substituted.

Gladys Cameron of Grayling was a visitor at school last week.

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Coy News.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Scott and son Wesley, spent Sunday with the former's father, Jos. Scott and family.

John Foeter and wife spent Sunday at the home of Wade Hoagland.

Mr. Fenner and Mr. Dennis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scott.

John and Dora Nolan spent Sunday with Miss Cecile Pearsall.

Mrs. Geo. Royce entertained the ladies' sewing circle Thursday.

Wm. Elliott is on the sick list.

LeRoy and Marguerite Scott called at the John Pearsall farm Sunday.

Miss Gladys Newton, who has been visiting at James Nolan's, and Frank Richardson's, left Sunday for her home at Roscommon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pearsall left Thursday for Mores Siding near Geels where they will spend the winter at cooking.

Nancy and Mary McGillis were West Branch callers Thursday and Friday.

John and Dora Nolan accompanied by Miss Cecile Pearsall spent Thursday evening at the Bert Scott farm.

LeRoy and Marguerite Scott spent Sunday evening with James Nolan and family.

Geo. Royce spent Sunday with his family.

Miss Mae Richardson spent Sunday at her home.

Eldorado Nuggets.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams returned Saturday, after spending a few days at their old home in Vanderbil.

Mrs. Geo. Hartman, who has been sick for the past week, is some better.

Harry Williams and John Weber, Jr. are home from Grayling, where they have been employed for some weeks past.

Charles Cook is busy hauling pulp wood. George and Edward Russell are cutting it for him.

Waldo Kellogg was home from camp Sunday. He has disposed of his wood buzzing outfit to F. Meade of Roscommon.

The Eldorado school is in possession of fifty additional books for the library.

Lillian, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wellman Knight, who has been suffering from a severe cold and complications, is reported better.

For sale—My retail coal business, J. M. Bunting.

Keep-Well Rules.

"Keep out of crowds as much as possible.

"Sleep in a room with the windows wide open.

"See that your office or shop is well ventilated.

"Walk a mile in the open air twice a day.

"Cover up each cough and sneeze with your pocket handkerchief for the protection of others.

"Don't spit on the sidewalk, and help enforce the ordinance against it. "Don't overeat."—Daily Papers.

If these precautions fail, you don't wait until your bones begin to ache, take Dr. Humphreys' "Seventy seven" at the first chill or sh